IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellant: HAHN-CARLSON Examiner Backer, F. Serial No : 09/527,717 Group Art Unit: 3621 Filed: March 17, 2000 Docket No.: USBA 004PA Title:

VALIDATION APPROACH FOR AUDITING A VENDOR-BASED

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached Appeal Brief. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USBA.004PA) \$120.00 to cover the extension fees for a large entity, with authorization to charge/credit necessary fees/overages to said Deposit Account to complete this filing.

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